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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SABC RADIO COMMENTARY BROADCAST  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:  
BEGIN TEXT:  
THE RETURN HOME FROM NEW YORK OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. PIK BOTHA,  
DOES NOT YET MEAN THAT COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS OVER SOUTH

WEST AFRICA HAS ENDED. BUT SHOULD IT COME TO THAT, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE  
TO SAY THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDING OF PRETORIA'S STANDPOINT

SINCE APRIL 25 WHEN IT AGREED WITHOUT RESERVATION TO THE WESTERN PLAN,

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT IT WILL  
HONOR THAT AGREEMENT BUT NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS. IT WOULD ACCEPT

NO DEVIATION FROM THE PLAN'S PROVISIONS. THAT STANDPOINT IS NOW AGAIN

BEING SPELLED OUT IN A 20-PAGE LETTER WHICH THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, DR. WALDHEIM, BEFORE

HIS DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK, AND WHICH IS BEING DISTRIBUTED AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO CAPITALS AROUND THE WORLD. THE LETTER SETS OUT THE DEVIATIONS FROM THE PLAN WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION REPORT WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE PLAN PROVIDES FOR WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A UNITED NATIONS TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP, NOTE THE DESCRIPTION AS " ASSISTANCE GROUP." PARAGRAPH 8 (E) DECLARES THAT IN ESTABLISHING THE MILITARY SECTION OF THE GROUP, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL CONSULT ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH IMPLEMENTATION. THE ASSISTANCE GROUP TAKES THE FORM IN DR. WALDHEIM'S RECOMMENDATION OF A FORCE OF 10,000 MEN, INCLUDING 7,500 UNITED NATIONS TROOPS. THIS NUMBER COMPARES WITH THE FEW HUNDRED MENTIONED AS NECESSARY IN PRETORIA'S NEGOTIATIONS

WITH THE WESTERN FIVE, AND IT WAS DECIDED UPON WITHOUT CONSULTING THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OR THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL, MR. JUSTICE STEYN. UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE FIVE, PRETORIA ASSURED THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA THAT THEY WOULD BE INDEPENDENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THAT DATE IS STIPULATED IN THREE SEPARATE CLAUSES OF THE PLAN, BUT NOW, THE SECRETARY GENERAL DECLARES THAT ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CANNOT BE HELD BEFORE APRIL AT THE EARLIEST. PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE PLAN STATES THAT A COMPREHENSIVE CESSATION OF ALL HOSTILE ACTS SHALL BE OBSERVED BY ALL PARTIES. IT'S A KEY PROVISION. BUT IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS, DR. WALDHEIM HAS BEEN INFORMED BY PRETORIA OF MORE THAN 80 HOSTILE ACTS BY SWAPO ALONG THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NORTHERN BORDER. IF THE VIOLENCE CONTINUES, MR. BOTHA NOW MAKES CLAR IN HIS LATEST LETTER, THE PLAN CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED. PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE PLAN LAYS DOWN THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN THE TRANSITION PERIOD SHALL REST WITH THE EXISTING POLICE FORCES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL. THE SECRETARY GENERAL NOW RECOMMENDS A UNITED NATIONS POLICE FORCE OF 360 EXPERIENCED OFFICERS. SUCH ARE THE DEVIATIONS FROM A PLAN WHICH PRETORIA ACCEPTED IN GOOD FAITH AND WHICH THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND CANADA DESCRIBED AS FINAL AND DEFINITIVE, THAT IS, UNALTERABLE, EXPLICIT, AND CERTAINLY NOT SUBJECT TO UNILATERAL REVISION. SOUTH AFRICA'S CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN FURTHER BROKEN. THE OBLIGATION FOR RESTORING IT AND THUS AVERTING BREAKDOWN AT THIS ELEVENTH HOUR LIES WITH THE WESTERN FIVE, THE AUTHORS AND UNDERWRITERS OF THE INTEGRITY OF THE PLAN. END TEXT. EDMONDSON

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